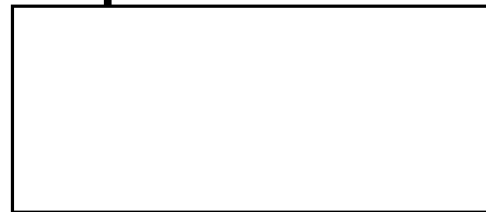
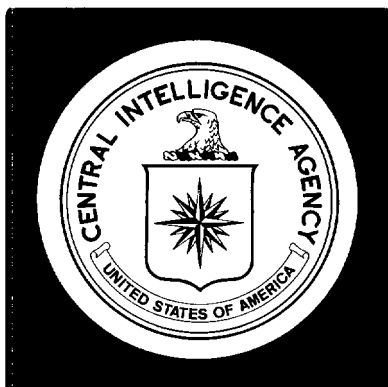


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BHUTTO'S RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY ARE GENERALLY SOUND AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ARMY COMMANDER TIKKA KHAN IS ESPECIALLY GOOD--A KEY FACTOR IN HIS POWER BASE. NEVERTHELESS, AT A TIME WHEN CIVIL DISORDER AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH ARE GROWING, BHUTTO MAY BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO ROOT OUT EVEN SMALL POCKETS OF MILITARY DISCONTENT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WILL HAVE TO HANDLE THE DISMISSALS IN A MANNER THAT WILL AVOID MAKING THE OFFICERS A RALLYING POINT FOR OPPOSITION ELEMENTS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE ARMY.

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